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Portland, Saturday, May 27, 1905. Another Little Game: There is now pending, to be voted on by the people of Portland, an amendment to the city charter, drawn adroitly in the interest of the street railway combination of the city, the object of which is to strengthen this monopoly and to give it a further and stronger hold upon the city than it has at the present.

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They who, through subtle work these twenty years, have possessed themselves of all the franchises for which they have paid nothing—the right to occupy the streets of Portland, which they have capitalized at millions of dollars—have made enough, for the present, out of these privileges; so this amendment may as well be turned down.

TO OPEN THE CLEARWATER. Out of Wall street comes a fairly well-authenticated announcement of at least a partial restoration of peace in the Clearwater country, with outlines of a definite plan for opening up that disputed territory with rail transportation.

This decision would probably have held good, had not the threatened advent of other parties in the field forced a change of attitude. The agreement for joint construction and operation of the new road in the Clearwater does not necessarily mean complete restoration of peace and elimination of competition.

As previously stated, the traffic already developed in the Clearwater country is taxing the facilities of the Northern Pacific to lift it up through Polatch Canyon, and the additional traffic created by the proposed extension will demand the completion of the road between Lewiston and Riparia as soon as the new traffic begins to move.

While this work was in progress the road was hauling wheat into Portland from points east of the Cascade Mountains, making an unnecessary detour of several hundred miles over fearful trails. There will be no more money wasted on this kind of railroading after the Hill road has some water-level grade experience out of the Clearwater country, and after the traffic passes Riparia, it will not be hauled over another chain of mountains, but instead will follow on down the Columbia River.

The policy of the present management seems to be that of a common carrier, and not a town-plot boomer. With the completion of a line down the river to Portland it will haul wheat from the interior to Portland or Puget Sound with strict impartiality as to rate and service.

The article from the Ladies' Home Journal, published in The Oregonian, on "Follies for the Fourth of July," is pertinent and timely. The fatalities due to the use of fireworks are upon which they expect the people of Portland, whose streets they have taken possession of, without paying a dollar for the right, to pay fine dividends, with a happy regularity.

The combination may, under this amendment, not only place its tracks, without paying the city anything for the right, on each and every street paralleling the present lines, for a distance of five blocks either way, but it may also absolutely prevent any competing company from obtaining rights of way for tracks along any street within five blocks of the lines of the present company.

It does not escape observation that the organ of the reigning plutocratic families who are exploiting things in this way is vehement and venomous in its opposition to Judge Williams—of course because "the old man" can't be used for the purposes they have in view.

after year, shows that parental prudence is not proof against the desire to see the boy have a "good time." The casualty list grows year after year, and as a result the number of deaths from the most hopeless and agonizing of all maladies increases. Warning, backed by statistics that show an appalling loss of life and limb, have been given through the newspapers. Physicians, not unmindful of their duty in the premises, have laid the most distressing facts before their special constituency in the hope that they would profit by the examples cited.

THE OHIO REPUBLICANS. The Ohio State Republican Convention adopted a ringing platform, pointing with pride to what had been done by the Republican Administration and declaring its unalterable purpose to support whatever hereafter may be done by the same Administration.

Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, known wherever dollars jingle and wherever trade has got beyond the bartering stage, died at Paris yesterday. Baron Rothschild was one of a famous family of financiers, and in his lifetime assisted in the promotion of some of the greatest industrial and financial schemes ever recorded.

Rev. Robert Hope, on Sunday, May 14, from the pulpit of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church, of Portland, had somewhat to say on the tendency of the pulpit to do political work, which is worth repetition.

The Oregonian is opposed to common gambling and to every species of gambling. But all the low, common and vulgar gambling which has been observed in this town of Portland is but a bagatelle as compared with the gambling, involving millions, in which our society and nation are engaged.

The funeral of Miss Charity Ankeny, daughter of Senator Ankeny, will be held at Walla Walla, her home city, tomorrow afternoon. The event will conclude the record of a brief life of sunshine and promise that was closed all too soon.

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will have all that they can do to shelter and protect, by systematized effort, persons of this type from the most grievous and irreparable disaster that can befall a womanhood.

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OREGON OZONE. The other day an Indiana boy coughed up a head of timothy hay. His parents, who are thrifty, think of planting him to alfalfa next season.

It is said that a forthcoming brochure by President Roosevelt is entitled: "How to Make Vice-Presidents Work for His Salary."

The Literary Digest has discovered a new way to spell Roshdzhevsky. That's it.

So long as Mac Wood remains at large, Senator Platt may envy the security of his late Connecticut namesake.

From Ohio comes the pathetic news that there are not enough suitable jobs in the state penitentiary to go round among the bankers now making their headquarters in that institution.

On the Fair site by the lake side, Where the sights are always fair, I will meet you, I will greet you— I'll be there.

A Tragedy Narrowly Averted. A Portland man picked up a magazine recently, without reading the name, and began to peruse an article headed: "Little Things to Watch."

Poet's Day at Portland. There is to be a Poet's Day at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, July 1. All poets of our standing are invited.

The Mayor called a meeting of the Common Council to consider and to deal with the situation as to saloons and sale of liquors about the entrance of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

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WEALTH AND POWER OF ROTHSCHILDS

How the Family Attained Distinction in the Financial World—Mastery of Many European Nations—The Traditional Policy of Inter-Marriage.

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branches and follow in his father's footsteps. There was a time when the Rothschild million was at stake. It was the time the Iron Duke was preparing to cross swords with Napoleon. The Rothschilds had been compelled by their business to become allies of Napoleon's enemy, the English, and the Rothschilds were the active head of the London house, then the active head of the London house, then the active head of the London house.